

Fire Information:

Oil Pad Complex

Southern Area Type 2 Incident Management Team

Saturday, June 18, 2011 8:00 PM Fire Information Office, 239-695-4120 Catherine Hibbard, 413-531-4276



Hours of Operation: 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

http://www.nps.gov/bicy/naturescience/oil-pad-fire-complex.htm

www.inciweb.org

Current Status	The Oil Pad Complex is comprised of several fires caused by lightning burning in Big Cypress National Preserve located in Southwest Florida. The fires have burned a total of 10,505 acres of various Preserve habitats which include Pinelands, Sawgrass Prairie, Hardwood Hammocks, Cypress Domes and Strands. Firefighters are using low impact fire suppression tactics to protect sensitive animals such as endangered Florida Panthers and threatened Red-Cockaded Woodpeckers. Today fire behavior was stabilized due to calmer winds during the morning and early afternoon. No fire perimeter growth occurred on any of the six fires, but interior burning continued despite afternoon rains over the fires. Lightning started one new fire on Friday and crews responded promptly. This afternoon two Type 2 hand crews arrived from out of state.
Planned Events	Planned events for Sunday include monitoring by air, gathering fire intelligence and continuing low impact fire suppression techniques to keep fires within their current perimeters. When needed, firefighters will be transported by helicopter to attack fires in remote locations.

Fire	Estimated acreage	Percent Containment	Start Date
Oil Pad	3,149	40%	June 13
North	5,878	25%	June 13
Bundschu South	1,391	25%	June 13
Kissimmee Billie	21	50%	June 13
Corral	61	0%	June 16
Green	5	0%	June 17

Number of Personnel	138		
Equipment	Two large helicopters, One small helicopters, five engines.		
Cooperators	Florida Division of Forestry, Seminole Tribe of Florida and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife		
	Service.		
Restrictions and	Access to Concho Billie, Windmill Tram, and Burns Lake is closed to all backcountry		
Closures	activity. A 60-day recreational ORV closure throughout the preserve remains in		
	effect.		
Fire Weather	Partly cloudy with increasing cloudiness and 50% chance of afternoon showers and		
	thunderstorms. Temperatures will be hot from 92 to 95 and humidity of 42 to 47		
	percent. Winds will come from the southeast 5 to 8 mph. A west coast sea breeze		
	expected with winds becoming southwesterly at 10 mph.		